



"We've elevated court security," Melton said. "They're part of the team."

Narcotics was one of Melton's major platforms during his bid for sheriff. In his time at FCSO before becoming sheriff, Melton worked as a narcotics detective. He made one of the largest drug busts in the history of the county and investigated more than 30 cases himself that led to indictments.

"We'd rather serve you a warrant, search and take everything you've got," Melton said. "So, when you get out of jail, you have nothing and you have to start over. You can't just go back up and start up your drug business where you left off."

Melton recognized that FCSO could not do it alone. They have county-wide interagency cooperation with Kentucky State Police Post 12 and Frankfort Police Department.

Melton is humbled by the community support, but more so by the support of his deputies.

"I've grown up in this community and I took this job so I could help this county, and for the first time in 16 years I feel like I'm doing that," Green said about serving under Melton.

With other endeavors on FCSO's horizon, Green added with a chuckle, "All I can say is 'stay tuned to your local news.'"

▲ (left) The Franklin County Sheriff's Office has had tremendous success capturing the county's 'Most Wanted' using its cable channel 27 and Facebook. (center) Deputy Matthew Green is a Franklin County native and has served the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for 16 years. (right) A new uniform, complete with brass buttons, is a visible symbol of the professional changes Sheriff Melton made during his first months in office.

*We want to set every deputy up to succeed in every way. I want my agency to excel, to be the best.*



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◀ The Franklin County Sheriff's Office recently started a mounted patrol unit using donated horses from one of its school resource officers, who has trained with the Canadian Mounted Police.